



22883

PTO/SB/21 (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paper Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/912,231	<b>RECEIVED</b> <b>APR 13 2004</b> <b>Technology Center 2100</b>
	Filing Date	Jul 24, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	Regula, Jack	
	Art Unit	2112	
	Examiner Name	Knoll, C.	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	19	Attorney Docket Number	136.1005.01

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	Return Postcard
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Steven A. Swernofsky Reg. No. 33,040
Signature	<i>SAS Swernofsky</i>
Date	04-09-2004

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
Type or printed name	DOW STOLN		
Signature	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	4/9/04

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

In you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.



22883

136.1005.01

2/1/2  
Jah  
4/19/04**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Jack REGULA *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/912,231

Filed: July 24, 2001

For: On-Chip Switch Fabric

Art Unit: 2112

Examiner: Clifford H. KNOLL

Tel: (703) 305-8656

Office Action Mailed:

January 12, 2004

**RECEIVED**

APR 13 2004

Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR § 1.8)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited  
with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage  
as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on

4/9/04

Date

By:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the outstanding Office action mailed on January 12, 2004 (the "Office Action"). The Office Action set a three-month period for response. Because this Response is being filed timely within the three-month period, no extension fee is due. If the Applicants' attorney is mistaken in this regard, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of

time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3), and authorization is hereby granted to charge all required extension of time fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0365. Authorization is also granted to charge additional claim fees, if any, and all other fees necessary to file this Response, to the same Deposit Account. A separate paper authorizing the charges is attached to this paper.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.